

4 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/OA

ATTENTION: ☐ *not done*

SUBJECT: AEDSPOT-6 (NOSTRIL)

1. Reference is made to a memorandum dated 23 November 1958 to Chief, CI/OA, and to the debriefing and personal history of AEDSPOT-6 (NOSTRIL). A careful review was made of Subject's personal biography, and it is the writer's opinion that Subject is still concealing some phases of his life in the USSR, prior to the German occupation of the Caucasus during World War II. Subject makes numerous statements which are at variance with Soviet reality and are not supported by adequate explanations on his part.

2. In paragraph 2, page 4 of "Personal Biography" Subject states that he contacted the Secretary of the Village Soviet and begged him to alter the date of Subject's birth so that he could be drafted in the fall of 1940. It is possible that something like that could have occurred, however, Subject does not indicate, (1) Why the Secretary agreed to do this, since altering records is an offense, (2) Why and what proof did the Secretary furnish to Subject or to the Draft Board, (3) The exact date when this took place, (4) What did the new record show, (5) How could all this have occurred without being found out, since Subject's original date of birth was open for inspection in his school records.

3. The second major point occurs in paragraph 3, page 4, where Subject states that the short-term prisoners were dispatched to the city of Smolensk in order to receive "certificates of premature release." Subject indicates that the guards who accompanied the prisoners had disappeared, but somehow the prisoners found their way to a camp outside of Smolensk where "certificates of premature release" were awaiting them. Here Subject stated that the certificate that was made out in his name was missing and a new one was made out and handed to him. This procedure, as described by Subject, does not appear to be very logical. Further on, Subject indicates that his friend, Mahmud GUCHEV, obtained Subject's certificate by passing himself off as Subject. The question which arises is how and why did the Soviet authorities issue two certificates of premature discharge in the name of one individual without making any inquiries. Later, when Subject meets GUCHEV, he (Subject), for some reason, consents to allow GUCHEV to obtain a passport in Subject's name. What were Subject's reasons for this unusual action? He does not indicate any.

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4. Subject states that in the fall of 1941 he was drafted into a labor Battalion, and the question occurs, Why was Subject drafted into a labor battalion rather than into the armed forces? Had he registered in the Voenkomat? What procedure did he follow? It must be remembered that Subject stated that in the fall of 1940, he was about to be drafted so that he must have registered, and he would have been on the rolls as fit for military duty. The above are the areas which are not satisfactorily explained by Subject. His service with the German Army is described at greater length, and the impression that he creates is that he is an extremely glib individual who is prone to exaggerate his qualifications.

5. It is the writer's opinion that a more thorough debriefing should be conducted, exploring details of Subject's life in the Soviet Union in the areas indicated above, at such time as Subject is available.

6. A review of the entire file and the charts from previous polygraph examinations indicates no necessity for a repolygraph of Subject at this time.

Attachments:

1. Memo dtd 25 November 1958

2. Debriefing of Subject

cc: Chief, SR/DOB

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